



Saint Gabriel

Consolidated School

Master Plan & Feasibility Study Update

Not able to make it to the PTO meeting for the Q&A session?
Here's a recap:

Members from the Advisory Commission attended the PTO meeting to provide background to new families, share updates, and answer questions. Below is a list of updates as well as questions (and answers) that were raised by those in attendance at the September 22 PTO meeting.

Updates:

- The Advisory Commission presented The Final Report with recommendations to the Pastors on Monday September 20, 2010.
- The pastors will be meeting on October 14 to review the plan and recommendations and provide a response.
- The Final Report includes all of the quantitative and qualitative data collected, an overview, analysis on the findings, the Master Plan drawings, space allocation, and preliminary cost estimate ranges.
- The Final Report also includes recommendations to proceed with a capital campaign feasibility study to understand how much money we can expect to raise with a capital campaign.
- To begin the capital campaign feasibility study, we recommend engaging a capital campaign consultant to guide the process. It is not our expectation to raise the majority of money in a capital campaign from existing SGCS parents. The recommendation is to cast a wide net and extend our reach to anyone with a passion to support Catholic education, and the financial means to contribute significantly.
- There will be professional fees required to engage in a capital campaign feasibility study. This cost is \$14,000 and if we receive approval from the Pastor's to proceed, we will likely raise these funds similarly to the Master Plan Feasibility Study.

Questions & Answers:

- ***What is included in the Master Plan?***
 - The recommended plan includes both enhancements to our existing building and an addition to our existing building.
 - ⇒ Recommended enhancements to the existing building structure include air conditioning throughout the building, adjusting the current layout to include an art room, a full library, a dedicated music room, an expanded cafeteria and additional storage
 - ⇒ The recommended addition to our existing building includes a multipurpose activities center with regulation size sport court with seating, a stage, storage, offices, and concessions. The multipurpose activity center would accommodate all school masses, PE classes, all school assemblies, 8th grade graduations, CYO sporting events, as well as activity space for St. Gabriel Church for events like receptions, and other social activities.
- ***Who owns the land where the school is located?***
 - The Archdiocese owns the land where the school is located.
- ***How do others outside the feeder parishes learn about this?***
 - The recommendation is through positive word of mouth. Please talk about this fabulous opportunity to fellow parents, family, and friends so we can create awareness, and identify potential contributors to the capital campaign.
 - The other, important recommendation is to utilize the expertise of the capital campaign consultant who has proven techniques or reaching into the community to raise awareness and participation.
- ***What is the time frame?***
 - This will be dependent upon approval timing, the findings of the capital campaign study, and the Archdiocese processes. Once all of this is aligned and we understand the scope of what we will be undertaking, we will develop a timeline. Looking at other similar schools who have undertaken projects similar to ours, as a benchmark, we understand the average to be 3 – 5 years.
- ***Can you describe the relationship with the Pastors?***
 - To date the pastors have been supportive of the Master Plan and Feasibility Study to the extent that they provided financial support, contributing \$4,800 toward the Architectural fees for the Study. They fully support Catholic education.
- ***Can you describe the relationship with the Archdiocese?***
 - The Archdiocese is supportive of SGCS and has expressed that our school is vibrant and thriving. They are encouraged by our recommendations and are looking forward to the Pastors response to our recommendation.